

ADVISER Data Dashboard Early Adopter Program

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Announcing the opportunity for Nebraska school districts to indicate interest in participating in the Nebraska ADVISER Data Dashboard "Early Adopter Program" (EAP). The ADVISER (Advanced Data Views Informing Student Educational Response) dashboard is designed for educators and combines multiple sets of data, near real time, to inform and support effective instruction for every student, every day. The EAP is an exciting opportunity for Nebraska districts to gain early access to the dashboard and related technologies built through the resources of the federal SLDS grant to the Nebraska Department of Education.

More information about the EAP and the online interest form are available at http://www.education.ne.gov/DataServices/SLDS_Grant/Dashboard.html.

Interest forms must be submitted by November 6, 2014.



State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2014

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2014 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for Districts to review their data. The 2014 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal.

Date	Activity	Public/District
Oct. 24, 2014	SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card released to the public	Public
TBA*	District notification regarding PLAS identification*	Identified
		Districts Only
TBA*	PLAS list added to the Public SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card	Public
Nov. 14, 2014	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, drop-out data	District Only
	added to the 2013-2014 SOSR District Preview	
Nov. 21, 2014	NePAS released with Graduation data and ranking, drop-out data	Public
	added to the Public SOSR 2013-2014 Report Card	

^{*}Information updated October 16, 2014



NeSA-RMSW 2014-2015 Key Dates

Contact: Valorie Foy (402-471-2495 or valorie.foy@nebraska.gov)

Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-W Operational Test	December 1, 2014
Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-RMS Operational Test	January 30, 2015

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website: http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html



2013-14 GMS Final Reimbursement Requests Due: November 15

Contact: Shane Rhian (402-471-4313 or shane.rhian@nebraska.gov)

Final reimbursement requests for federally funded grants paid through GMS are due to NDE Financial Services, in approvable format, by November 15, 2014.

Applicable grants include:

- McKinney Homeless Grant
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
 - Title IA
 - o Title ID
 - o Title IIA
 - o Title IID
 - o Title III-IE
 - o Title III-LEP
- Title I Accountability Funds
- Title IC Migrant

When submitting reimbursement requests, keep the following in mind:

- Supporting documentation needs to be supplied for journal entries and credit card procurement charges.
- When making payments to individuals, be specific as to what the payment is for
- For parent activities, be specific as to what was purchased and who participated in the activity
- Whenever computers are purchased with Title I Funds, they must be listed on the consolidated application
 on the Capital Outlay/Equipment Operational Equipment page. Computer purchases cannot be approved
 if they are not listed. This includes electronic items such as ipads, ipods, Kindles, or anything considered
 small and attractive.
- Service Provider tab must be completed for all non-school district service providers for IDEA grants and supporting invoices submitted.
- Please ensure that the request is marked as a Final by checking the appropriate box and (Re)Calculate Closeout before submitting.
- Supporting documentation for Title II Part A must provide sufficient information to identify the "content" of the professional development activity. Professional development activity is to improve student achievement in the core academic areas. Funds should only be used for staff working in these areas. Refer to the ESEA Title II, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance for appropriate use of funds.
- A reminder, NCLB funds can never be paid to a non-public school.



Title I Schoolwide Intent Forms - Due: November 15

Contact: Beth Zillig, beth.zillig@nebraska.gov or 402-471-2452

For buildings that do <u>not</u> currently have a Title I Schoolwide Program, but meet the minimum 40% poverty requirement and wish to develop a plan to become Schoolwide for 2015-16 school year, please submit the Title I Schoolwide Intent form by November 15, 2014. The Intent form can be found on the Title I webpage http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20I%20Part%20A.html under Schoolwide Program and Resources.



Nutrition Services FNS 742 Report - Due: November 15

Contact: Bev Benes((402) 402-471-2488; Bev.Benes@nebraska.gov)

The Nutrition Services' School Food Authority (SFA) Verification Collection Report (FNS-742) is due by November 15, 2014. The purpose of verification is the confirmation of eligibility for a sample pool of Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Applications on file. The sample pool is collected from the applications received by October 1, 2014. The FNS-742 report's instructions are available at:

http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nslpforms/Attachments/H.pdf. Please take time to read through the instructions noting the specific dates.

On the CNP system website at https://nutrition.education.ne.gov/, the report can be found under "Application" /"Verification Report". The FNS-742 Section 3, Question 3-2 requests Direct Certification data as of October 31, 2014. In order for this to be current, the SFA should upload/enter new students that were not included in the last submitted student data file. New students need to be added by October 30, 2013 to be reported on the Direct Certification List. Students found on the Direct Certification List cannot be part of the sample pool for verification. SFA can directly verify applications and this process do not require notifying the households of verification. The applications from the sample pool for Direct Verification can be uploaded or entered in the CNP system under the Verification menu item and clicking on 'Direct Verification.

Additional resources and instructions for Verification are located at: http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nslpforms/verification.html http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/forms/nslpforms/DirectCert.html



Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B MOE Due: November 15

Contact: Pete Biaggio at (492-471-2471 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

The worksheet to establish IDEA Part B MOE eligibility is now open to school districts through the NDE Portal (under the Data Collections tab). Submissions are due by November 15. School district 2014-15 IDEA Consolidated Application approval is contingent upon establishing MOE eligibility.



2014-15 NCLB Consolidated Application Open: October 7 Due: November 18

Contact: Diane Stuehmer (402-471-1740 or diane.stuehmer@nebraska.gov)

After many challenges with changes to the NCLB Consolidated application for 2014-15, it opened on October 7 and ready for Districts and ESUs to complete. Thank you for your patience!

Some of the changes to the application include:

- Corrections to Title I, Targeting Step 4 to calculate required set-aside amounts.
- Title II-A now includes information regarding equitable services for non-public schools, if applicable.
- Title III has a 2% limitation on funds used for administration (this includes both direct and indirect administration costs). GMS now calculates the amount that can be budgeted for 2% administration. (This step was previously completed manually.)
- If your District or any school within the District (or ESU multi-district agreement) is identified for Title I Needs Improvement, this information is included in the application and corresponding sections will need to be completed. NOTE--Needs Improvement information is not available to the public until the State of the Schools Report (SOSR) opens on October 24.

REMINDER--No funds can be transferred into Title V for the 2014-15 school year.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014. If you have questions or need assistance while completing the application you may call the NDE NCLB Reviewer for your District/ESU.



Sped IDEA Consolidated Application (GMS) Open: October 7 Due: December 15

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-2471 or pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov)

The 2014-15 Sped IDEA Consolidated application opened in the GMS on October 7, with a due date of December 15 (11:59 p.m.).

HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

All three ways get to the same place, so <u>please only use one of the following options</u>. If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

OR

2. Email: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov

OR

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556

Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.

ALSO: If you have contacted your area's NDE Trainer or Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

THANK YOU!

NDE Bulletin now available in RSS Feed

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

We have added an RSS feed that users can subscribe to. Don't forget that the current and past NDE Bulletins can always be found at http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html. The RSS feature can be found at the above webpage in the upper right hand corner (orange icon). RSS feeds can be used with Outlook and a number of web-based feed readers. At this time we will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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